

# POWER UP YOUR POSTCODE

# Teach First



WE ARE AN **OUTSTANDING** SCHOOL





#### Introduction

Barking Abbey is delighted to be offering a route into teaching with high quality school-based training taking place in our schools. The School-Centred Initial Teacher Training (SCITT) programme is a one year teacher training course which enables you to train and develop your skills in the classroom.

Our SCITT course is ideal for people who want to make a difference in their community and learn on the job from day one. As a trainee, you'll be interacting every day with pupils and working as a member of teaching staff in a school local to you. Our research-led programme is designed to give you plenty of practical experience as well as subject-specific training and a deeper understanding of effective teaching methods.

You'll be in the classroom from September 2024 and will benefit from the support of a trained mentor throughout your training. At the end of our programme, you'll be awarded qualified teacher status (QTS) and Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE).

# **Outstanding Providers**

Barking Abbey is an Ofsted rated outstanding school and we are working in partnership with Teach First to develop and deliver this programme. Teach First have worked with a range of educational experts and school leaders to develop our research led SCITT course.

With 20 years' experience as the largest Initial Teacher Training provider in the country, Teach First are committed to helping all teachers reach their potential and have the greatest impact possible on the pupils they teach.

Teach First's Initial Teacher Training was recently inspected by Ofsted and has again been rated outstanding in all areas.

### **The Course**

Our one-year, research-led training will give you plenty of hands-on experience and allows you to train to teach in a school near you. Our curriculum focuses on supporting you to put learning into practice to have an impact on pupils during a four day a week core school placement from mid-September to July. You will have one day a week to engage in training and development to support your teaching practice, as well as six weeks gaining broader school experience in other educational settings. The programme balances developing your subject knowledge and expertise alongside giving you a deep understanding of effective teaching methods and techniques to manage your workload and wellbeing.

At the start of the programme in September, you'll have two weeks of intensive training which will focus on the core areas of teaching such as behaviour management and lesson planning. You will have a further two separate weeks of intensive training later in the year.

In your school, you will spend your time with other expert teachers, observing their lessons and learning how to teach and plan lessons and throughout the year practise your own teaching. You will work closely with a highly skilled and knowledgeable mentor, who will also receive support and training from Barking Abbey.

Your weekly training day is designed in collaboration with Teach First's expert curriculum designers and sequenced to make sure you are focused on the areas of teaching that are most relevant to that point in the year. The training will include a mixture of online and face-to-face elements and will ensure that you develop the knowledge and skills you need to become a great teacher, gain your Qualified Teacher Status and your PGCE.

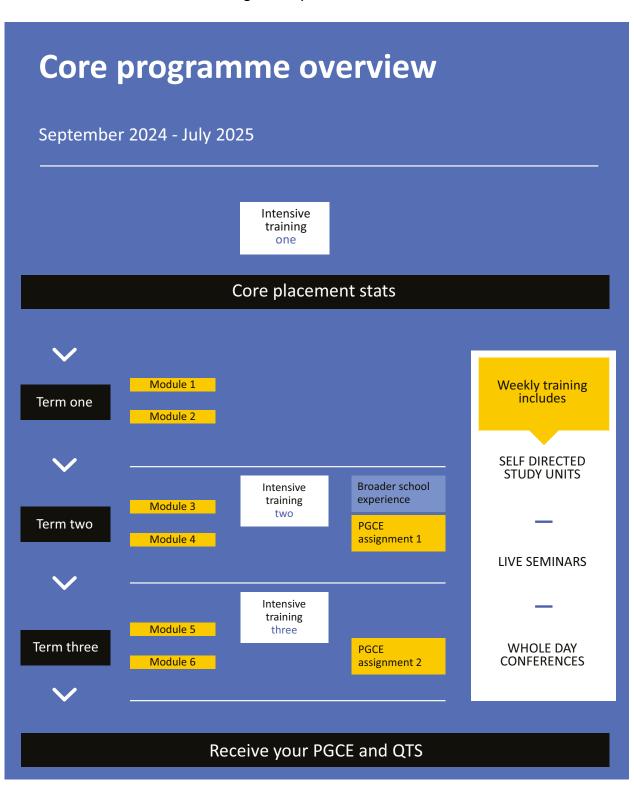
At the end of the programme, you will have the foundational knowledge and skills to become an effective early career teacher.

# Mentoring and support

You'll be eased into teaching by shadowing other expert teachers, before leading your own lessons with guidance from more experienced colleagues.

You'll work with a skilled and knowledgeable subject-specific mentor who will meet with you regularly to give you guidance. Your lead mentor will deliver your training alongside subject experts and oversee your progress throughout the year.

Your mentors also receive support and training from Teach First and us to ensure that they are briefed on the latest research and can tailor their coaching to suit your needs.



# **Eligibility**

To be eligible to apply you will need:

- an undergraduate degree, or equivalent.
- to demonstrate sufficient knowledge in the subject you are applying to teach, either through your degree qualification, your A levels or relevant experience.
- grade 4 (C) or above in English and maths GCSEs, or equivalent qualification.

We will not consider candidates with pending GCSEs. Functional skills qualifications are not equivalent to maths and English GCSEs.

We accept most equivalency test providers. You will need to have passed your GCSE equivalency test before applying to our programme; we will not be able to process your application until you have passed.

Overseas qualifications will be reviewed by the UK national agency for international qualifications and skills (ENIC) to ensure they meet programme requirements.

#### International candidates

You'll need the right to study in the UK. You already have this if, for example, you:

- are an Irish citizen.
- have settled or pre-settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme (you may still be able to apply).
- have indefinite leave to remain in the UK.

If you do not already have the right to study in the UK, you may need to apply for a visa. The main visa for fee-paying courses (those that you have to pay for) is the Student visa. We do NOT sponsor visas.

# Subjects we offer

Biology, Business studies, Chemistry, English, Geography, History, Mathematics, Modern languages, Physics, Religious education



#### Train to Teach at Eastbrook



Eastbrook is a thriving and growing local authority school in Barking and Dagenham. It is a traditional comprehensive school, welcoming students from a broad range of backgrounds, culturally, economically and in terms of need. Eastbrook is an all through school with a primary, secondary and Sixth Form, totalling over 1200 pupils. Our site is substantial, with a state-of-the-art building completed only 7 years ago, and outstanding access to green and outdoor spaces.

## **Opportunities and Resources**

Eastbrook is an Ofsted Good school and part of the high performing Barking Abbey Family. Trainees can expect to work with colleagues across both schools and have experience ranging from KS2 through to A-Level, as they require. Our outstanding facilities ensure that trainees, particularly for specialist subjects such as music or science, have access to the best facilities when teaching. Eastbrook has excellent retention and experienced Heads of Department who are well prepared and eager to support new trainees.

### **Support and Systems**

Eastbrook understands that staff well-being is critical to student success. Our curriculum, assessment and teaching resources are centrally planned and provided. We have a centralised behaviour system to ensure support with challenging students and an outstanding SENCO and safeguarding team. We ensure that trainees never teach above their allocations or are left unsupported when learning to work with challenging students.



# **Train to Teach at Barking Abbey**



Barking Abbey school is a very large school on two campuses in east London that serves the boroughs of Barking & Dagenham.

We are a non-selective, comprehensive twelve form entry school with a proud tradition of academic and sporting success. The school is very popular in the local community for both Year 7 and sixth form admissions and is heavily oversubscribed.

Barking Abbey is an Ofsted Outstanding school. Trainees can expect to work with experienced colleagues developing both their subject mastery and pedagogy. We have centralised behaviour system to ensure support with challenging students and an outstanding SEND and safeguarding team. We ensure that trainees are always supported by an experienced mentor under the careful guidance of our SCITT staff.

#### Our Headteacher - Tony Roe



For me there are three simple things that I want us to achieve at Barking Abbey school.

First, our motto 'Give and Expect the best' leads us to want to be the best in everything we do. We have some of the best results in the area, we have pupils at the best universities, we have the most pupils on apprenticeships in the entire country, we have basketball players in the best leagues and so much more. We have all of this because we push our pupils and each other to excel. All of us try to be our best every day.

Second, I firmly believe that if you can't see it you can't be it. We want to give our pupils the chance to see successful people of every religion, colour and background whilst they are at school. Whatever their dreams we want to support them and provide the networks and contacts to help them to achieve.

Finally, we want our pupils to have a voice in the world. To be confident enough to express their views and also to have the knowledge to be able to make an effective contribution. The more you know the more powerful you can be in the world.

#### **SCITT Lead - Helen Blake**



Barking Abbey is a special school – you will feel that as soon as you start working here. Everyone is pulling in the same direction under the motto 'Give and Expect the best', but staff are well supported to do so here. Wellbeing is a priority, as the teaching profession faces more and more recruitment difficulties, we want to be a beacon of hope in our area. Train to teach under the guidance and care of a local school – that has the areas, and yours, best interests at heart.

# **SCITT Lead Mentor - Victoria Murphy**



I have nearly 20 years experience of teaching in a large inner London school. Over that time I've held a number of roles — as a classroom teacher, mentoring a range of trainees, as part of the Teaching & Learning Team & Head of Geography. My Love of Teaching & Learning means that I have been lucky enough to work with and mentor, a range of teacher's at different stages in their career. I firmly believe that to achieve the best outcomes for our students, we must invest in high quality training for our teachers, and this begins with Initial Teacher Training. Effective

professional development in the first years of teaching is vital, and here at BA we pride ourselves in providing a supportive environment where teacher's can grow, and ultimately "Give and Expect the Best".

# **Personal Qualities**

At Barking Abbey, we understand that habits shape character. Through our character education curriculum, students practice and embody the values of BEST, Bravery, Excellence, Self-Discipline, and Teamwork.

We are looking for candidates who will commit to our vision and values. As we strive for excellence in education and character development, we seek teachers who share our passion for fostering a diverse and inclusive learning community. Ideal candidates will embrace our commitment to Belonging, Aspiring, and Succeeding.

If you are a dedicated, innovative educator with a desire to contribute to the success of our students, we invite you to join us.

# Fees and financial support

The course fees for UK students in 2023 to 2024 were £9,250.

The tuition fees for UK/EU students are typically (full-time) £9,250 per year.

For international students, the fees are typically £10,950.

You will be registered as a full-time student throughout the programme so have access to lots of student benefits, as well as a student loan to cover your fees, subject to eligibility. Depending on your subject and qualifications, you may also be eligible for a bursary or grant to support you throughout your training.

We encourage potential applicants to check on the Department for Education's website to find out more about funding options.

# **Course accessibility**

Equality, diversity, and inclusion are fundamental to our programmes and partnerships. You will have access to our partner university's support services, and we will take a tailored approach to all reasonable adjustments trainees may need. You will be able to apply to Student Finance for additional support dependent on eligibility, for example Disabled Students' Allowance.



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# How to apply

Visit: www.gov.uk/apply-for-teacher-training and choose Barking Abbey as a provider.

We'll then contact you directly with information about the next steps in the application process.

All offers are subject to satisfactory results from necessary pre-employment checks.

getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/funding-and-support

#### Find out more

Email us: barkingabbeySCITT@barkingabbeyschool.co.uk

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